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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with SSCI Staff on 16 April  
Countermeasures Hearing

1. On 7 April 1986 [redacted] met with John Elliff and Charles Battaglia of the SSCI staff to find out from them the Committee's key areas of interest for the 16 April hearing on security countermeasures. To begin with, they said that the number of witnesses required that each one, including the DCI and Mr. Kerr limit their oral opening statements to 10 minutes. A more complete statement may be submitted for the record.

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2. As far as the Agency witnesses are concerned, the staffers suggested that the Director provide a short, coherent plan to develop, manage and implement a security countermeasures program. Mr. Kerr would be expected to speak for the CIA.

3. Two main areas emerged as those they will expect Mr. Kerr to address. They are personnel security and technical security countermeasures. They listed several issues under each area. One of their concerns in personnel security is what the Agency is doing about the reinvestigations backlog,

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[redacted] The staffers believe that the DOD and the Agency should arrive at a more cost effective way to conduct their background investigations without either sacrificing on the quality of the results they achieve.

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5. Both Elliff and Battaglia stated that they have concluded that there is no one centralized control point for all security mechanisms. They recalled that Mr. McMahon told the Committee late last year that each agency took care of its own security, but they do not know the Director's views on this issue. Their fears are that if a central authority is not firmly established, when a new administration comes in, it will "reinvent the wheel" all over again. They offered their solution: the President should issue an Executive Order that would establish a structure, responsibilities and authority for security countermeasures.

6. One final word from the staffers was that Mr. Kerr should address the impact of Gramm-Rudman on our efforts to strengthen security countermeasures. They are aware that the Agency is applying the maximum amount of resources toward this problem. Mr. Kerr may want to reiterate what the Comptroller has already said: to do any more we need to have more money.

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